MR. SPEAKER : No, Rawatji, it is not proper. Please sit down.

SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of hon'ble Minister through you that L.P.G. agencies in the country are harassing the applicants who are on waiting list and their way of providing information to these applicants is improper and faulty due to which they do not get L.P.G. connection.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of hon'ble Minister through you towards the owners of L.P.G. agencies in Sagar. Many irregularities are being committed there. Applicants on waiting list are not informed in time and after passing due time when the applicants go to agency to collect information regarding their connection they are told that their serial number has lapsed. At present waiting list of L.P.G. has 17 thousand applicants in Sagar. L.P.G. connections are being provided through the agency ignoring this list. In the past applicants upto serial No. 12 thousand were given evasive reply that their number had lapsed. Such irregularities are being committed there. At the same time when they go for connection they are asked to pay Rs. 1500 to 2000 in black and no action is being taken against the owner of the L.P.G. agency despite the complaints made in this regard.

Therefore, I would like to know from hon'ble Minister that what action is being taken by him to remove these irregularities?

SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, department or concerned companies take action regarding the irregularity committed in the matter of L.P.G. connections. Hon'ble Member has made complaint about the distribution of L.P.G. in Sagar. If he makes his complaint in writing, it would be forwarded for necessary action.

SHRIMATI BHAGWATI DEVI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, jungle inhabitant be permitted to speak on jungle and I am jungle inhabitant. In the city, Harijans...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : On this occasion no need to deliver speech but you can ask question.

SHRIMATI BHAGWATI DEVI : Harijans and labourers can not live in the city because their jhuggies are demolished. The same thing is happening in jungle. Harijans, Adivasis and backwards are being driven out from the jungles. It does not matter if poor people are dumped in sea. If they cut wood from jungles, these lose their beauty. They have no source of income other than wood. Therefore, the poor are being asked to leave jungle. There is no cleanliness in the city rather there is filth and, therefore, jhuggies of poor are being demolished.

I would like to submit that dump all the poor people in sea. As a result of which they will not come into the contact of the rich. When the matter of construction of accommodation comes up, the services of poor are required...*(Interruptions)* the same thing is happening in the matter of gas. When we people use wood as fuel, why should we talk about gas? Now they are not allowed to cut wood. Poor are being attacked from all sides. How can we save ourselves from this attack? We are very much worried about it...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : You ask your question.

SHRIMATI BHAGWATI DEVI : Poor bring wood from jungle and use as fuel. If gas is provided to the poor free of cost, only then jungle can be protected. If you don't give it free, we will indulge in theft. Thereafter you can say whatever you like...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Well, sit down, you must give some reply.

SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA : The Government have decided to provide 10 lakhs L.P.G. connections every year in rural areas...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Q.No. 163, Dr. Asim Bala. I cannot allow everybody. There are so many other questions. Thirty-five minutes are alredy over and we have finished only two questions. Dr. Asim Bala.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : No, please. You cannot finish the whole one hour in one question. Other questions are also equally important.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Minister, please reply.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Members of Lok Sabha are not getting the facility of gas connection while the Members of Rajya Sabha are availing this facility...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Joshiji, you are an elderly man. Please take your seat.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : We are on the next questions.

(Interruptions)

Leakage of Question Papers

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*163. DR. ASIM BALA :
SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any enquiry has been ordered into the

spate of leakages of question papers for the entrance tests conducted this year by the Indian Institute of Technology, the Delhi College of Engineering, University Grants Commission and other bodies;

(b) if so, the findings thereof, including the action taken/proposed to be taken against those found guilty in this regard; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to avoid recurrence of such leakages in future?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (c) The CBI has undertaken the investigation of the cases of alleged leakages of question papers for the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) conducted by the IITs and the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by the UGC this year. The investigation is not yet over. There was no leakage of question papers for the entrance test for admission to Delhi College of Engineering and other bodies.

DR. ASIM BALA : Sir, the leakage of question papers is a national problem and an important one also. Every year, in most of the States, question papers are being leaked out and no measures are being taken against this menace. CBI and IB inquiry into the IIT and UGC incidents is welcome. But, Sir, the whole organisation is involved on a gigantic scale, with no guarantee for foolproof security measures. Teachers are more often paper-setters for the very examination for which they offer private coaching. To get rid of this menace, I would like to know from the Minister whether the Government is thinking to change the whole examination system and form a Question Bank.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Sir, in the history of IIT, this is the first instance where the question paper was leaked out and the examination was cancelled. The examination was held again and the result is going to be announced soon. The loss of time to the students is also being compensated by cutting down the holidays. This had been discussed earlier also in this House. The leakage of question paper for IIT examination is a serious matter and that is why the CBI inquiry has been ordered by the Government itself. The Government is still waiting for the CBI inquiry report to come. Once the report is available, the IIT and the Government will take appropriate action on that.

DR. ASIM BALA : It is not a question of saying that the CBI and the IB inquiry are going on. It is an important social problem. So, to solve this problem, I have given a suggestion also in my question, that is, creation of a Question Bank. I would like to know whether the Government is going to accept that suggestion to change the whole examination system by creating a Question Bank.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Sir, the hon. Member is saying that the entire examination system has to be changed. It is a suggestion and the Government has taken note of that.

DR. ASIM BALA : Is the Government going to bring some Bill against private coaching, tutorial homes and private tuitions?

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Sir, last time also this question was answered. To curb this problem, private tuition and coaching have to be stopped. In that direction, the Government is working out certain measures which will curb these kinds of activities.

DR. ASIM BALA : I wanted to know whether the Government is going to bring it in the form of a Bill.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Sir, at this point of time, I am not in a position to say whether the Government is preparing to bring a Bill or not.

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN : Sir, before I come to my Supplementary, I would like to seek a clarification from the Minister. The Minister has replied here that there is no leakage of question paper for the entrance test for admission to Delhi College of Engineering. If it is so, then why is that examination being re-conducted? I would like this to be clarified. I think there is a problem here.

Now I come to my Supplementary. The leakage of question papers of prestigious institutions has now reached epidemic proportions.

Sir, the Indian Institute of Technology is one premier institution in the country where this epidemic had not touched. But now we have the question papers of I.I.T. Joint Entrance Examination being leaked. It was leaked in the States of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. It is very significant. Lucknow and Patna are the two main centres...*(Interruptions)* The nexus between the coaching classes and the people who are involved in organising the J.E.E. is very obvious because the premium demanded by the people to get through the I.I.T. is very very high. It is welcome that the C.B.I. inquiry has been ordered. But, specifically the nexus between the coaching classes and the organisers has to be investigated and that too very soon.

Lot of parents have been put to great difficulty because of this leakage. This cannot be compensated. The mental torture and agony cannot be compensated. I would ask the Government whether they are thinking of entering into a registration system for registering the coaching classes particularly for I.I.T., I.A.S. and other examinations. This is the first part of my question.

Secondly, a suggestion has been made that like the I.A.S. examination there should be a preliminary examination for I.I.Ts. also, and then it should be followed by a final examination for a limited number of people at limited number of centres. It is because when you have a large number of centres, this is the problem that comes.

These are the two parts of my question.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Sir, many kinds of apprehensions are there. So far as this particular issue is concerned, normally the I.I.Ts. used to send the question papers just one day before the examination.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE : That is enough for them.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : But this time, in view of the May Day holiday and as there was a *Bandh* call for another day, the question papers were despatched two days before the examination to Patna and Lucknow. The Government is not in a position to say whether the question papers have been leaked from those particular centres or not. Unless the investigation is over it cannot be said that the question papers were leaked from that centre itself. This is a matter of concern for everybody and particularly the students and parents who have really undergone serious mental and financial problems because the students have to appear in the examination for the second times, and then the time is lost to them and all that. That is why the Government have directed them to hold an inquiry. The I.I.T. authorities are also shocked as to how this could happen. It has never happened in the past thirty years. The credibility of I.I.Ts. is also their concern. That is why they are also working for foolproof measures so that such thing does not happen in future.

So far as the re-examination in Delhi College of Engineering is concerned, actually the question paper was not leaked. In fact, from one student it was found that along with the question paper, the answer sheet was also tagged. That was how this was leaked. There were also some printing errors in the question papers. That is why the One-Man Committee which investigated the matter recommended that it should be cancelled and re-examination should be held.

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN : Sir, he has not answered the second part as to whether they are considering holding the preliminary examination or not.

MR. SPEAKER : That is a suggestion. I think the Government will certainly note down that suggestion.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Yes sir.

MR. SPEAKER : In fact, both your questions were not questions but they were suggestions - one for the investigating agency and the other for the Government.

[Translation]

SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the incident in I.I.T. may have taken place for the first time but the attention of the Union Government must have been drawn towards rest of the Universities, where this leakage takes place time and again. When the examinations were held in I.I.T. again, by that time some students had taken admission at other places. Now those students want that they must get admission in I.I.T. again. It seems to me that there is mismanagement in filling the seats being vacated by them. Whether the Government will set up a grievance cell for this, which will ensure that admissions in I.I.T. are given to genuine students because of the re-examination conducted after the leakage of paper? I have been putting questions on this issue for the last three sessions, which is very important one-the question that tutorial classes are not being conducted in Delhi University. All the three times the reply came that information is being collected. Due to this the private coaching phenomena is increasing rapidly. Whether the hon'ble Minister will reply as to why this is not being replied to for the last three sessions. A lecturer in Delhi University has to take 18 classes, out of these, he is not taking nine classes officially. That is why I want infromation on these 2 points from the Minister.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : That is a different subject.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Sir, I think both the question are in the form of suggestion and the Government has taken note of them.

[Translation]

Construction of National Highways/Bridges

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*164. SHRI RAJABHAU THAKRE :
SHRI DATTA MEGHE :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of National Highways and Bridges taken up for construction during the Eighth Five Year Plan, State wise;

(b) whether the work undertaken on these highways/ bridges has since been completed;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay; and

(d) the time by which the projects under construction are likely to be completed?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Statement

(a) and (b) The details indicating the position are given in the annexure enclosed.

(c) Development of National Highways is a continuous process. Some of the on going works have been delayed due to difficulty in land acquisition, delay in shifting of utilities, change of scope due to site conditions, unprecedented floods, contractual failures